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Please send all material for the January Voice to me by the last week in November. If you send letters, please make them only two pages long. Send dues, donations, and changes of address to the Treasurer, Charles Gillan, 9642 Carton Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44104. My address again is Leona Smith, 130 Chapin Street, Binghamton, N.Y. 13905.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EC

Hello Members:

As you have already heard through the grapevine NADB is now without a President, Vice-President, Chairman and Voice Editor. So if you want to have the membership of the NADB to continue you must put your name up for one of the vacant offices.

As you know this is an EC election year, therefore, we are calling an election of all offices except the office of Treasurer.

As to why we have no VP is as follows. A few months ago some of us EC members received a letter from the Secretary stating that many of the NADB members had resigned from the organization because of the way that the Editor of the Voice was insulting Chuck in the pages of that magazine and because the EC took the money away from the Helping Hand that NADB had been giving it for many years.

One of the EC members wrote and told the Editor to let up on Chuck in the pages of the Voice but it did no good.

And please understand this: We EC members had nothing to do with the taking away of the money that was being given to Ray Logan for the Helping Hand. This was done by the President and Vice-President.

In May we EC members received a motion from the Chairman that he himself made, and that motion is as follows:

That the Treasurer put all NADB monies in a checking account.

We EC members should never have voted on that motion until we knew just how much money there was in the Treasury, but we did, and the motion was passed.

Then we received a letter from Chuck telling us that he had sent the Chairman a motion but that the Chairman had twisted it around to his own liking. The motion that Chuck had sent him was that we have the Treasurer put twenty-five dollars in a checking account to pay bills with and the balance into a savings account keeping it intact for interest gain.

As you know the interest gain on monies is four to five per cent, and this would help us build up the NADB account, but with a checking account you pay for the service and receive no interest on your money.

The Chairman never put Chuck's motion before EC but instead he inserted his own.

We of the EC were also informed that the Chairman had rejected previous motions that were sent to him to be put before the EC. We were also informed that many members had written letters for The Voice but that they were never printed.

We EC members wrote the Chairman a letter telling him we wanted no more of his underhanded work as Chairman and that he was to stop insulting Chuck both in the pages of The Voice and in personal letters. Well, my friends, he got very mad and wrote each of us a letter that burned our fingers when we read it.

He said in that letter that he had resigned from all NADB offices and from NADB itself and that he would advise the President also to resign. A few weeks later we received a letter from the President telling us she had resigned from her office and from the NADB. The Secretary will remain with us.

I wrote a letter to the President and asked her to remain in her position, but she said no and mentioned that her name is not to be printed in any of the pages of The Voice.

This is the story of why we have so many vacant offices in the NADB.

This all sounds like gossip, but we wanted you to know the real truth of the matter, and not what you have been hearing through the grapevine.

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A WORD FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT

Hello Friends,

Well, this issue of The Voice is being edited by the EC, my sighted and hearing nephew, and myself. We haven't any material other than one letter sent from one of our members. The Editor who just resigned sent me no material at all.

I have asked Mr. Abe Gulish to take the Editorship of The Voice, but as he pointed out, under the laws of the NADB, an Associate Member cannot hold any of the offices of the organization, so that leaves him out.

Therefore, we will appoint an Editor along with the rest of the Officers. If there are any blind-deaf persons who would like to be the Editor of The Voice, the following are some of the prerequisites:

Must be able to read and write Braille.

Must be able to spell.

Must be able to type.

Must have someone to proofread the material prior to sending it to Clovernook. No material is sent to Clovernook unless it is typed and on a standard typewriter, not in Braille.

If we don't receive any names of deaf-blind persons then the EC will appoint an Editor from the persons that are most interested and qualified.

Many of you have complained that you do not receive a membership card nor even a postcard after paying your dues. For this reason the President was going to change the Treasurer, but the minute it got to you, you all got mad and said it wasn't fair to Chuck because he did a lot for NADB. The EC voted to have Chuck continue as your Treasurer, so now please stop finding fault when you do not receive a card from him. In line with this, I believe we can make our own membership cards and by so doing it would not cost as much as having them printed. These cards can be printed right in our own local print shop.

You will notice in the recent EC report that we have rewritten the law that was passed a few months ago, stating that dues must be paid within two weeks from the day they expired or your name would be taken from the mailing list of The Voice. Now --if you have paid your dues since the first of July 1968, then fifty cents of your dues will be accredited toward your 1969 dues--so if you will please send the Treasurer the balance of your dues, you will be in good standing for the year of 1969. This must be done before January 1, 1969.

We will not, however, list any members until the April issue of The Voice because of the time that needs to be taken and the space that is available in the paper. It has been a practice to list the members over the past ten years, but please don't expect us to do this in The Voice because of the limitation of space. We will, however, list all current members of the NADB after the dues are paid in January 1969.

We received a letter from the American Foundation for the Blind asking us the reason for the Editor's resignation of the President, so we are printing the letter of resignation submitted by the President so that you may understand more fully her reasons for this decision. We cannot, however, publish the letter from the resigning Editor, because it wouldn't look good printed in any magazine.

We do not know whether the Foundation will continue underwriting the publication of The Voice, but we certainly hope to be able to keep it in publication.

The EC and I feel that since the NADB has the money we should become incorporated. Once incorporated, we would be able to solicit funds for aiding the needy, blind and deaf members, and to help defray the cost in publishing The Voice.

As you know, one third of the membership dues have been turned over to the Helping Hand each year. We would like to hear from all of our members as to whether or not we should continue our donation to the Helping Hand. Please write to us with your votes and the results will^{be} published in a later issue of The Voice. It is your money so please counsel us on what to do with it.

We make this plea to any of our Associate Members. Would you be willing to serve in any capacity if we should try to become incorporated? Would you also miss The Voice if we should have to discontinue it? We would appreciate hearing from any of you on any matter discussed in this letter.

Well friends, I guess I have said enough for now, except to ask you to help make this upcoming election the best one the NADB has ever had.

I would like to read our Constitution of the NADB which our dear friend Chet Roberts wrote and if any of you have a copy, please send it to me, and be assured I'll send it back in good order.

It is still a bit early but let me be the first to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and the best New Year you have ever had.

See you in 1969.

-Leona Smith, Acting President
130 Chapin Street
Binghamton, New York 13905

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A Letter of Resignation to Leona Smith from the President, Miss Jackie Coker

My Dear Leona,

This is to notify you of my resignation as President of NADB.

I am quitting, as of July 1, 1968.

I am notifying Marguerite, Chuck and other EC members.

Your copy of the motions and the letters sent to the VP reached me two weeks ago. A few days later I received word from the Vice President that he had resigned. Well, without his help, it's useless to go on, and I will not be able to find another Voice Editor and do not feel like making a futile search for one.

Also I am not happy about the motion to let Chuck stay as Treasurer. He can't catch up on his work in six months or a year either. For that matter he has shingles at this time and has been ordered by the doctor not to type or write Braille. So, how can he hope to catch up. But that is no worry of mine now. If the EC members want Chuck to remain, that's their business. I will have nothing more to do with it. I am also resigning as a member of the NADB. Good luck to you.

Yours, -Jackie Coker

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In care of Rinehart, Route #7, Box 394, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

Dear Friends:

I let my membership in the NADB expire for a time and as a result missed out on the July issue of The Voice. So far, I have been unable to locate one either on a loan or as a gift. I understand there was something about giving up The Voice and instead joining with the GOOD CHEER.

Friends, we must be very careful what we are doing. This was tried once and failed. The then editor did not want to let us have enough space although the NADB was paying something. She wanted to edit it herself and just put in what she pleased, not what was sent to her. And some of the readers, who were not NADB members, did not want us in there. That is why we had to get a magazine of our own. That will happen again and we will have nowhere to go when we discuss our problems. GOOD CHEER is nice in its way, but it is more of a society magazine, just intended to entertain (or at least it seems that way from the material in it). The deaf-blind of both England and Canada have a league, each with its own magazine. Are the deaf-blind of the United States to be denied the same privileges? That would be to go backwards, not forward. And our associate members would probably not be given their magazines. Besides it is not fair that they should have to pay and not receive anything in return. I happen to know that in the old days when NADB had space in Good Cheer, it lost some members because they were not given a magazine of their own. Having to depend on pass-around magazines is not very satisfactory. If we were back to Good Cheer we will have nothing of our own, nothing for our money, -might as well disband. We must give Leona and those who are trying to save the NADB our support in every way we can and both officers and members should refrain from saying unkind things about others such as has been done the last year or so. That not only causes NADB to lose members but makes it hard to get new ones. The EC is trying to straighten things out and we should give them our support. With all good wishes, .. Sincerely, Helen L. Reid.

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EC Report

As acting President, I could not serve on EC so I appointed Herbert Biggelman of 954 Lancaster Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13210 to serve in my stead. So all members of Zone #2 that have any matters they want to discuss may contact him at the afore listed address.

The following two motions and bylaw change were made and voted on jointly by the EC:

1. That the motion that the Chairman put before the EC on his own as to all monies of NADB be put in a checking account be thrown out, and in its place the motion by Mr. Gillan sent him, be put before us at once. Four voted Yes.

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2. That Mr. Gillan is to continue as NADB Treasurer and be given 6 months to catch up on back Treasury work. Four voted Yes.

BYLAW CHANGE:

We would like the bylaw that reads, "The duty of the Vice-President is to preside over the EC" changed to "When electing a new EC every three years we must also elect a Chairman to preside over that EC." Four voted Yes.

A motion was submitted by William Stark through EC Captain of Zone #2 that the members of the NADB pay their dues on the 1st of January of each year and the deadline for receipt of said dues be the last week in April of each year. Four voted Yes.

Motion submitted by Walter P. Beechman through EC Captain Zone #1:

Part I -- That no motion should be valid when less than four EC members vote on same.

Part II - That the President could vote in the event of a tie vote. Three voted Yes; One No.

Respectfully submitted, .. Leona Smith

Vacant Offices

President
Vice-President
Chairman
Five EC Members
An Editor for The Voice

Please send all names and state which office you will contend for to me by November 30, 1968. You will find my address on the first page. Leona

NADB Treasurer's Report
(as of August 1, 1968)

Balance in the NADB's Savings Account as of July 31, 1968	\$558.07
Petty Cash	11.00
Total Assets	<u>\$569.07</u>

Still no expenses during this period.

Well, I am back as the NADB Treasurer once more again after some delays in the appointing. Sorry to see Jackie and our VP are quitting us for good. Hope that we'll have a new president and a new editor and maybe a new vice president real soon.

Unless it is already reported in the EC Report, they passed a motion setting forth that all dues should be paid every January with the deadline on March first (deadline-last week in April -EC Reporttypist, Clovernook.) giving us less time on membership routine which is now some difficulty to catch up with due to Mother's illness. My steady job at the county hospital and other unexpected events popping up keeps me away from Braille work; but now with two housekeepers daily on duty, I expect to catch up with the recording which is still a mess. I have been given 6 months by the EC (Executive Committee) to catch up or you'd be seeing my name no more in The Voice.

Elsewhere in this issue, you'll note a list of members who have paid their 1968 dues dating back to October last year till December 31. And also a list of those who sent in their 1968 dues from May 15 through August 1.

With best wishes, Fraternally yours, ..Charles Gillan, Treas., 9642 Carton Ave., (please note my new house number), Cleveland, Ohio 44104.

LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 1967 DUES FROM OCTOBER 1 through December 31, 1967: Bell, Melvin, 451 Grier Ave., Elizabeth, N.J. 07202; Chapman, Winthrop, 7912 East Emerson Pl., South San Gabriel, Calif. 92777; Cook, Barbara, 5731 Manistique, Detroit, Mich., 48224; Devolpi, Evelyn, 92 Willis St., Detroit, Mich., 48201; Fribush, Harry, 27 Colonial Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12293; Galasso, Anna, 112 Tuttle Drive, New Haven, Conn., 06512; Howard, Lexie, Doan Nursing Home, 707 Highland Ave., Clarkston, Wash. 99403; Johnson, Klara 2118 Blaisdell Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn., 55404; Jolliffe, Elton, 705 East Main Street, Knoxville, Iowa 60138; Kaspar, Anne, 704 West 107th Street, Chicago, Ill. 60628; Lewis, Marlys, 1242 Parrot, Downey, Calif. 90242; Robert, Carl, 4513 Mitchell Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19124; Schenek, Harold, Azalias, Mich.; Smith, Leona, 130 Chapin Street, Binghamton, N.Y. 13905; Thompson, Florence, Route #3, c/o Sindelar, Burwell, Neb., 68823; Tischner, Gene, 1151 East Broadway Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90802; Ver-Vanah, Constance, 670 East Grand Blvd., Detroit, Mich. 48207; Wilkinson, Mrs. Francis, Box 376 Meridian, Miss. 39301; Waring, John A., 1474 8th Ave., West, Seattle, Wash. 98119; Levu, Anna, Apt. 2D, 712 East 108th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 12236;

Note -- Chapman's name was overlooked in the list in the previous issue. Sorry.

Special Mention --The following names and addresses are of those who paid their dues for a few years in advance but their memberships are ending on Dec. 31 this year -- Beekman, Walter, Lake Amenia Drive, Lake Amenia, N.Y. 12501; Chermak, Sam, 2420 Glenwood Road, Brooklyn, N.Y. 12210.

LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS PAYING THEIR 1968 dues from May 15th through August 1, 1968: Coker, Jackie, P.O. Box 20222, Sacramento, Calif. 95820; Berlin, Mrs. Jennie, 17625 Joy Road, Detroit, Mich., 48228; Lawrence, Arthur, 68 East 121st Street, New York, N.Y. 10035; LePiors, Donna, 1014 Mason Street, Flint, Mich., 48503; Noble, Clark, 68 Foote Ave., Pittsfield, Mass., 01201; Owens, Juanita, 728 Nebraska Ave., Kansas City, Kan., 66101; Strool, Mary, c/o Piccirillo, 4723 Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11234; Stewart, Betty (sighted but can read Braille), 414 15th Ave., Lewiston, Idaho 84501; Toler, Caroline, P.O. Box 708, Conway, Ark., 72032; Weir, Warren, 708 East Bougenvilla Ave., Tampa, Fla. 33612; Yuth, Holger, 119 1/2 Dorchester, Waukegan, Ill.

Chas. E. Gillan, Treas.

The following is a correction of an address listed in the past issue:

Miss Sally Greenberg
1870 Gleason Avenue
Bronx, New York 10472

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:

If your name or address ever appears incorrectly in the issues of The Voice, please let us know immediately.

Magazines Containing Current Events

You are already familiar with the magazines on this list, but they are repeated for the newly deaf-blind who may wish to send for them. If any of our members know of any other magazines which would give us more news, kindly send us the name and it will be published in the next issue of The Voice. Thank you, ..Helen G. Napolitano

Touch and Go --Published by the American Foundation for the Blind, Inc., 15 West 16th St., New York, N.Y. 10011 (Free)

Hot Lines (for deaf-blind only) Published by the American Brotherhood for the Blind 955 Topham Street, Tarzana, California 91356 (Free)

The Weekly News ..Published by The National Braille Press, Inc. 99 St. Stephen Street, Boston Mass. 02115 (Subscription fee --\$1.00 per yr.)

The Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind ..Published by The Matilda Ziegler Publishing Co., Ind., 20 West 17th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011 (Free)

News in brief, taken from The New York Times --Published by the Industrial Home for the Blind, 57 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. Sent free to the deaf-blind living in the Metropolitan New York area only.